almost every one of them. It has come to that. So it was thought advisable to have some sort of uniformity in the formation of the characters of letters. So we insisted on this thing. I have already explained that we are placed in the horns of a dilemma. We do not know which way to go, either for a uniformity in the style of writing or to give a certain amount of freedom to everybody.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why can't the Government get it printed in the Government Press or call for tenders? It is a matter coming to nearly a lakh of rupees.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—These can be considered. These are matters of policy.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider this aspect of the question to print them at the Government Press or call for tenders? We do not want the Government to provide for a company.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—At present the Board of Studies have got only to consider books passed by the Text Book Committee. What the Board of Studies thought was that it was free to select any one and they selected this. That is all what I can say.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The selection Board is not superior to the Government. Government is not under them. I am asking the question whether the Government will consider the feasibility of either calling for tenders or printing them in the Government Press, instead of doing it according to the whims and fancies of the department by giving the monopoly for 5, 10 or 20 years to one firm.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I should think that it is a desirable state of affairs if some experts are called to do this work.

At this stage, when the House was dealing with question No. 416, motion was brought for the adjournment of the House.

Recommendation of Committee for continuance of text books for 5 years in schools.

417. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Committee consisting of Messrs. Thomas Manjuran and P. Krishna Menon, appointed to go into the working of the Text-Book Committee, had not recommended the continuance of the same texts for at least five years and if better books are not forthcoming that the period may be extended still further;

(b) has not the Government accepted this recommendation in passing orders on the report;

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(c) has this recommendation been followed by the Government subsequent to the orders in (b)?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Butthe normal period was however reduced from 5 to 3 years.

(c) Yes, till the reduction of the period from 5 to 3 years.

Regarding copyists retained in service after the reorganisation of the copyists' establishment in civil courts in 1083.

418. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—With reference to question No. 91, dated 14th December 1927, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) was there a prospect of sufficient Malayalam work for those copyists who were not thrown out of employment in 1083 M. E. ;

(b) was there sufficient Malayalam work for the copyists of civil courts before 1083 ;

(c) how many hands were thrown out of employment and how many new hands were appointed in the copyists' establishment then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) 9 were thrown out and 7 were newly appointed in the Anjikaimal Division, so far as is known from the information collected.

Mr. V. Gopala Menon, copyist—pension to.

419. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) was a full pension sanctioned to Mr. V. Gopala Menon, copyist, Cochin Munsiff's Court ;

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place a copy of that Government order on the table ;

(c) what is Mr. Gopala Menon's service after 1083 ;

(d) what were the special grounds under which Mr. Gopala Menon was granted a full pension ?

(e) has the Government any idea of granting a full pension to the other copyists who are now granted only a proportionate pension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

(c) 23 years, 6 months and 26 days.

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